

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Cape Girardeau 63 School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Cathy Cato Cook who has devoted three and one-half decades of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Cathy Cook works at Clippard Elementary School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, Cathy Cook has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, Cathy Cook has supported her profession as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association and the Community Teachers Association, where she has served as Treasurer; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Cathy Cook earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree at Southeast Missouri State University; and

Whereas, a past Worthy Matron for the Order of the Eastern Star, Cathy Cook has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Bob Cook; four children, Brian Cato Cook, Jim James Cook, Shelley Cook, and Brandon Cook; four grandchildren; her parents, Clelec O. and Jessie Cato; and three sisters, Jackie, Barbara, and Ramona:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Cape Girardeau 63 School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Cathy Cook has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Cathy Cato Cook, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2424, adopted May 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker